

In the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A method of providing a link between an application program and a function in a dynamic link library of a computing device, the method comprising providing, using a microprocessor, a remapping component including a relocation instruction and an export data table, and wherein the remapping component is arranged to provide, in response to convert a call by the application program to link to the function at an address location in a first dynamic link library[I, J] to an address location for the function in a further dynamic link library, so as to enable the application programme to link directly to the function in the further dynamic link library by using the relocation instruction to insert into the export data table the address location for the function in the further dynamic link library, and a call by the application program to link to the function in the first dynamic link library jumps directly to the address location for the function in the further dynamic link library using the address location inserted into the export data table without the use of a sub-routine in the remapping component.

Claims 2. and 3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the remapping component is arranged to provide the respective address locations of a plurality of functions in a plurality of further dynamic link libraries.

5. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 comprising providing a plurality of the remapping components between the first dynamic link library and the further dynamic link library.

6. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the application program is arranged to link by ordinal number to the dynamic link library.

7. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the application program is arranged to link by name to the dynamic link library.

8. (Previously presented) A computing device arranged to operate in accordance with the method of claim 1.

9. (Previously presented) Computer software arranged to cause a computing device to operate according to the method of claim 1.

10. (New) A method according to claim 4 wherein one or more of the further dynamic link libraries comprises a remapping component.